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## Other References/Publications:

BILL STRAUTMAN, Mid-Mounted Suspended Boom Reduces Stress Points, *The Western Producer Farming Magazine*, March 2002, pp. 3-6, The Western Producer, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

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